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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following
prior foreign applications filed in the following foreign countries on the dates indicated:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Japan | 2002-253707 | August 30, 2002 |
| Japan | 2002-256225 | August 30, 2002 |

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In support of this claim, a certified copy of each said original foreign application will be filed shortly.

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